

Dairy and other agencies in Delhi are reasonably adequate

**Programme to Inform People about Economic Policy**

2097 DR DEBI PROSAD PAL Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to launch a massive programme to inform the people about the economic policy, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRJA VYAS)

(a) and (b) The charter of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is to inform people and carry out awareness campaigns of various Government policies, programmes and activities. The various media units of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting are engaged in carrying out this charter in respect of economic policies of the Government.

12.00 hrs.

(*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN (Roseria)

Mr Speaker, Sir, you had made an announcement in the House on that day so I would like to know about the export and import of wheat. (*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

MR SPEAKER You please take your seat, he it about to speak

[*English*]

They have given me a letter

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN Is is coming?

[*English*]

MR SPEAKER Yes

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOUDHURY (Katwa) Sir, we have given notice about the very alarming news-item that has appeared in the Press today in our country. It refers to classified internal policy document prepared by the US Defence Department at the behest of their Defence Secretary-in consultation with Mr Bush and his advisers. It contemplates use of force against India and Pakistan with the assumption that we are engaged in making weapons of mass destruction and nuclear weapons. Now this is a very serious matter.

India's position about making of nuclear bomb is very well known to the world. We have refrained from making a bomb. We have declared that we will be using nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. But the kind of arrogance that has come from these internal documents, is very disturbing for our country. It also smacks of a kind of ignorance on the part of US Administration. Even in this report, it is clear that they are not willing to contemplate a nuclear-free world. They want to retain the monopoly of nuclear power within their own fraternity, within some country.

India has taken a moral position that has been endorsed by the people of our country that we are against making a nuclear bomb. We are for use of nuclear power for peaceful purposes. But, at the same time, this kind of immoral reference against India has to be condemned.